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Aylor Named New Fire/EMS Chief

Earlier today, Mayor Diane Whalen announced the appointment of Assistant Chief, Kelly Joe Aylor, as the new Fire/EMS Chief. Aylor is a 22-year veteran of the Florence Fire/EMS Department and has served as Assistant Chief since 2012. Aylor was hired as a fire fighter in 1992 and has risen through the ranks of the department holding the positions of Captain, Training Officer, and Battalion Commander. His years in the department have allowed him to gain a wide range of valuable experience including serving on the Boone County Fire Investigation Team and the Boone County Fire Chief's Association.

Mayor Whalen stated, "The City of Florence is fortunate to have officers within our ranks who can continue to lead our Fire/EMS Department. The City has done a great job of providing the department with opportunities, education, and hands-on experience needed to mentor new leaders. I am confident Kelly can step in and continue to build the reputation of the Florence Fire/EMS Department as one of the best in the state."

Kelly Aylor stated, "I am very thankful for this opportunity. I feel very fortunate to inherit a department with such high professional standards. I look forward to the challenges that lie ahead as we move forward with the goal of protecting quality of life issues for the citizens of Florence."

Assistant Chief Aylor is a native of Florence and a graduate of Boone County High School and Thomas More College. He started his fire service career as a volunteer with Union Volunteer where he served for 21 years. Kelly is married to Cindy and they have two adult daughters.

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